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Environment and Transportation Committee

House Office Building

Annapolis, Maryland 21401

Re: Vote YES on House Bill 7

Delegates of the Environment and Transportation Committee,

I support Renewing the Electric Vehicle Recharging Equipment Rebate Program because I believe that electric cars represent our future. Electric cars offer a great opportunity to reduce both greenhouse gas emissions and harmful particulates from traditional tailpipes. However, to speed along the adoption of electric vehicles, we need the infrastructure of charging stations that drivers can depend as they drive across Maryland.

I currently drive a 2004 Nissan, and I hope that my next car will be electric. If my car were to break down tomorrow though, I am unsure if I could rely on current charging infrastructure to commit to buying an electric vehicle. I live in an apartment building with no charging station, and my work lacks one as well. I believe that renewing the Rebate Program will continue to facilitate the transition to electric vehicles and will hopefully make others like me more likely to purchase an electric car purchase in the future.

Sincerely,

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